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Parish council chairman seeks to help tunnel affected businesses

NORTH Perrott Parish Council chairman and local businessman Jonathan Hoskyns is calling on businesses along route of the A3066 to have a proactive attitude to the closure of the Beaminster Tunnel and hopes villagers and people from the surrounding area will support them.

He said: "We have several fantastic family businesses that are being squeezed financially because there is no holiday traffic travelling from Yeovil to West Bay. There are at least three pubs, two farm shops, a garden shop and a village shop that will have no summer holiday bonus from passing trade and we don't want local people to forget we are here.

"My counterparts on the other side of the tunnel have the same attitude and they are putting out extra signs to remind people they are still open for business. This tunnel re-opening looks to be taking too long so we need to keep things positive."

Mr Hoskyns is open to suggestions and would like to see businesses working together to keep them on the map. His own farm shop will be having an apple day weekend on October 14th and 15th but would be pleased to hear any other ideas for special events.

■ **LET'S WORK TOGETHER: North Perrott Parish Council chairman Jonathan Hoskyns**

Poetry again in South Petherton

FOLLOWING the success of the first Petherton Poetry Please to celebrate National Poetry Week in 2011, Petherton Arts Trust which owns and runs The David Hall performing arts centre, is arranging a second competition this year.

The 2012 event will be judged in three age groups: seven years and under, with a £10 book token for the winner; eight - 14 years, offering a £15 book token for the successful entrant; and the adult category, with a £40 cash prize for the winner and £20 each for two "special mentions". There is a fee of £1 per poem to enter and all submissions will be judged anonymously.

The closing date for entries is Thursday, September 20th, and winners will be notified by the following Thursday 27th.

The successful candidates will be invited to perform their work at The David Hall on Saturday, October 6th, during a live poetry evening that will include readings by well-known professional poets.

Jonny Fluffypunk, who has appeared at several festivals, including Cheltenham and Latitude, has already been confirmed. National Poetry Day itself takes place on Thursday, October 4th.

Kate Vanovitch, the Petherton Arts Trust member who initiated the competition last year, is sponsoring the 2012 prizes in memory of her mother, Betty Vanovitch.

She said: "My mum was more at ease inside poetry than anywhere else. She would have loved the idea of sponsoring this event and my dad, who still lives in the village, is delighted.

"Last year, we had 81 entries in the adult category, far more than we had anticipated, which was wonderfully rewarding and exciting. As a result, awards in this category have been increased, allowing the judges to give special consideration to groups such as teenagers, who need their own criteria.

"We look forward to more entries from children this year - the summer holidays are an ideal time for them to get writing."

Full details and entry forms are available from the website www.thedavidhall.org.uk, from Petherton library and local shops displaying Petherton Poetry Please posters, or, phone 01460 240 340.

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Wadham celebrates A-level success

By Marion Draper

SIXTH Form students at Wadham School were celebrating their AS and A-level results on Thursday, August 15th.

Most notable among the results were those of Sophie Draper who achieved three As and two Bs for at A-level and won a place at Jesus College Cambridge to read natural sciences. Will Vickery also impressed with three As and one B at AS.

Tom Wood was pleased as punch with his B and two Cs and said he was actively seeking an apprenticeship in arboriculture.

Hannah Jackson received an A, two Bs and a C for her AS levels in English language, English literature, history and geography and, after another year in sixth form, hopes to study journalism.

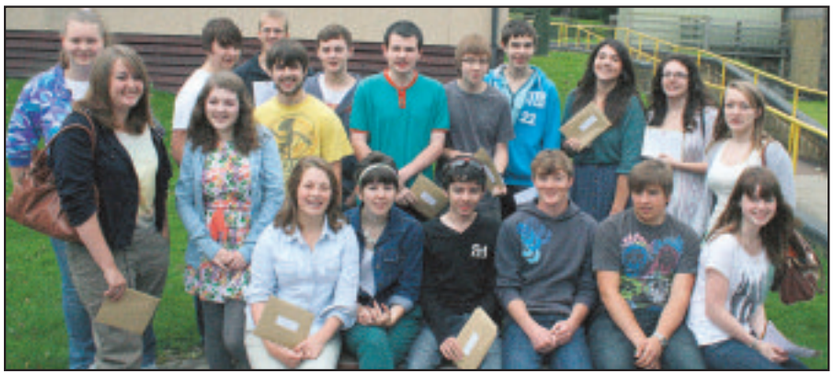
David Martin said his C, D and two Es were enough to take him to his place at Plymouth University where he will study navigation and maritime science and looks forward to a career of seeing the world with the merchant navy.

Vikki Rolley did not get into the drama college she had hoped for this year but will try again next year and was pleased with her B in drama, and Cs in maths and English.

Commenting on the results, headteacher David Derbyshire said: "Students have worked hard to achieve their results and will now be looking forward to their next steps in education, employment and training.

"Wadham School is proud of its students and the results they have achieved at the end of their time in our sixth form.

"Whilst a small number still await final confirmation of their place, we are expecting all those who sought a university place for this September will have been successful."



■ CELEBRATION: Wadham School sixth form students collect their A-level results. Below, Tom Wood and Hannah Jackson, and David Martin heading for the Merchant Navy

Temporary car park closure

THE temporary car park at Henhayes, in Crewkerne, will be closed for four weeks to enable trench work in association with the new George Reynolds Centre to be carried out on the entrance road.

The closure will be effective from from Monday, September 3rd.

An extraordinary meeting of Crewkerne Town Council was held on Monday when property and projects officer, Jed Dunn, spoke to councillors about the connection of services to the new centre. He said the contractors had hoped to completely close the temporary car park while the work was done but councillors had unanimously agreed that was unacceptable.

In addition, the town council voted to seek planning permission to retain a slightly reduced area of the temporary car park once the current permission expires next January. South Somerset District Council had made it plain that the current temporary site, which was already given an extended period, would not be granted another year.

This was the overall preferred option of the public, by a small majority, of those who responded to a consultation in the May edition of the town council's newsletter.

Mr Dunn said he would shortly be meeting with a representative of the district council to discuss in detail the proposed new layout of the car park and he would also work with the contractors of the George Reynolds Centre in order to keep any closure to a minimum.

He said that the project was still on target for the original finishing date of October 12th, having only lost about three days in total due to bad weather, which had been made up with overtime by the contractors.

He added that he had regularly inspected the site and could not fault their standard of work.

Ride & Stride to help preserve churches

FRIENDS of St Bartholomew's Church in Crewkerne are encouraging those interested in the preservation of old churches and chapels to join in the annual sponsored Ride & Stride.

The event will take place on Saturday, September 15th with money raised going towards the Friends of Somerset Churches & Chapels for repair, maintenance and alterations to churches and chapels of all denominations in the county.

A notice and sponsor forms will be displayed in the church porch. For more information, ring Robina Colledge 01460 75815.

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Club's annual gardening show

By Marion Draper

CREWKERNE Gardening Club Committee were sighing with relief when entrants arrived for the annual flower and produce show, held at the Henhayes Centre on Saturday.

Secretary Rosemary Prince said it had been a worrying time as to whether the show would come together after such a bad growingseason but although, like all local shows, the entry numbers were down by about 20, there was still a very respectable turn out, particularly in the vegetable categories.

Junior entries, however, were up with some regular young entrants progressing into the adult classes. Lauren Findlay, 11, came third with her original interpretation of the Olympic themed arrangement, using a Union flag made out of pressed flower petals on a board.

April Chant, who did well in the domestic entries last year, was chuffed to win first prize for her onions which she had never entered before, knocking out the men who usually dominate the vegetable table.

Photographer Alan Keene, a member of the U3A, took the cup once again for his colourful picture of boats in Lyme Bay, and Margaret Lamb was equally colourful with her representation of the Olympic flame in the flower arrangements. However, she lost out on her usual win of the Millennium Cup for most points in the floral section to this year's rival Mary Fowler.

The shield for most home craft points was shared between last year's winner Nora Raynor and Barbara Hollingworth.

Henhayes Centre trustee Ron Spencer was delighted to win for the second year running with his red rose and, known for his baking skills at the centre, he also did well with his drizzle cake and scones.

The child with the most points was Chloe Wetherall (pictured on front page). Her aubergine zebra won her joint first in the animals made from fruit and vegetables category with Hermione Beasley, who created a lettuce-munching tortoise from a melon and courgette.

Terry Austin won first prize with his pyrographic picture of the old grammar school, now the church hall in Abbey Street.

Last year's RHS Banksian Medal winner from Chard, Reg Davies, once again impressed with his array of vegetables, which gained him the Challenge Cup and the Horticulture Challenge Cup. However, this year the medal went to Phil Lombard, who also took home the Victor Axe Memorial Trophy for the gardening club member with most points.

The Rose Bowl for most points in flowers and plants went to Barbara Everett and the Day Centre Bowl to Denise Smith, both of whom have won in previous years.

St Bartholomew's School retained the cup for the school with the most points.

■ PROUD OF GRANDAD: Winner Terry Austin with grandchildren Ashlyn, Lizzy, Chris Austin

■ DAY CENTRE BOWL: The Mayor of Crewkerne, Councillor Robin Pailthorpe, and multiple winner Denise Smith. Below, competing sisters Tiegan and Lauren Findlay with their jubilee theme entries

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James from the Lawns Children's Nursery said "Myself and Emma had not been into Sweet Surprise in Ilminster before, what a great place with some great community work going on. The staff were so helpful and very nice, worth visiting again".

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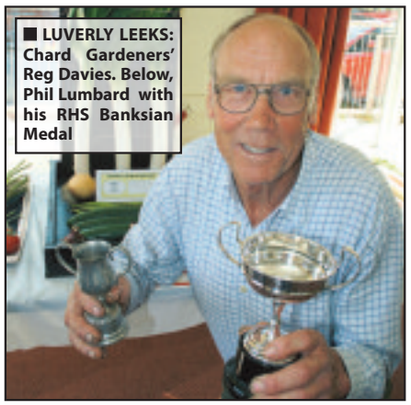

■ LUVERLY LEEKS: Chard Gardeners' Reg Davies. Below, Phil Lumbard with his RHS Banksian Medal

■ SHARING THE GLORY: Norah Raynor and Barbara Hollingworth. Below, The Mayor of Crewkerne, Robin Pailthorpe, with Rose Bowl winner Barbara Everet

■ FLOCK OF CAULI: Mia Taylor came third with her sheep

■ JOINT WINNER: Right, Hermione Beasley with her vegetable animal. Left, Margaret Lamb with her themed arrangement

■ SCHOOL CHAMPIONS: The Mayor Robin Pailthorpe with Mrs Warren and children of St Bartholomew's School

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Academy students celebrate A-levels

By Marion Draper

THE AGONISING wait for A-level students at Holyrood Academy sixth form in Chard finally came to an end last Thursday and students are now celebrating their success after another bumper year.

This year the Academy maintained a 100 per cent A-level pass rate with many students also gaining additional passes in vocational courses equivalent to further A-level grades.

The results reflected the hard work and commitment of the students throughout their two-year courses, and many of them are now looking forward to taking up their university places or chosen careers.

The future directions of the students were vast and varied and Holyrood has been particularly good at turning out young scientists like Kelly Derham who gained an A in maths, B in French and C in physics and will be taking the subject further at Swansea.

Chloe Major was reaching even higher with her A in maths and Cs in physics and chemistry, planning on a career in astro-physics via Aberystwyth. She said the subject came naturally to her and she had owned a telescope.

Samuel John Hinmers said his three Ds and a C were enough to secure his place at Middlesbrough where he will study chemical engineering.

Danny Watson said he had not done quite as well as he wanted but he did get a B in maths and had an apprenticeship in engineering lined up.

Jamie Spiller and Amy Raymond were among those staying on for another year. Jamie said he was aiming for a career in the police and Amy hoped to teach in the her home area.

Sarah Hicks ad Katie Read were both heading for Newcastle to further their education. Sarah gained an A and two Bs and will study business management and marketing whilst Katie who had the same marks plus a C,will be advancing in French and German.

Morgan O'Sheah-Smith had an A and two Cs and already landed a buying job at Tesco. Zoe Smith, another high achiever with an A and two Bs will go to Loughborough to take geography and Matt Pearce with two As and a B will stay a little closer to home and take accounting and finance at Exeter.

Headteacher Maurice Hicks commented: "Students and staff have worked extremely hard to achieve these results and to secure the university places or career destinations selected by each student.

"Everyone at the Academy is delighted that so many students have excelled in these examinations.

"The students are now very excited to be heading off to top universities across the country, or to beginning work in their chosen careers."

■ MOVING ON: Kelly Derham,Danny Watson and Chloe Major

■ ANOTHER YEAR: Jamie Spiller and Amy Raymond

■ GLAD ITS OVER: Natasha Skinner, Jasmine Beechey, Kenndrah Warren, Lily Turner and Jade Pearce celebrate their results

■ LOOKING FORWARD: Sarah Hicks, Morgan O'Shea-Smith, Katie Read, Zoe Smith, Samuel John Hinmers and Matt Pearce

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Blown away by anniversary support

By Marion Draper

THE WEATHER was perfect and the car park at Barleymows Farm Shop and Restaurant was overflowing all afternoon, for their tenth anniversary celebration on Saturday.

Sadly the maize maze has not really grown well this year but the huge adventure play area was thrown open as a free for all and children of all ages were enjoying everything from pogo sticks to zip wires and the sand pit.

In the field behind the shop and restaurant, which was doing a roaring trade,was also busy as the Three Counties Swing Band played in the open and there were two large marquees, one full of local craftspeople and the other local produce. In the crafts tent, cream teas were being sold in aid of the charity Somerset Unit for Radiotherpay Equipment (SURE) and three ladies from Ilminster were also raising money for charity with their knitted bears tombola, selling tickets for £1 each for Breast Cancer Care.

Afterward, Maureen Pollard wanted to thank everyone who supported the and said it was the most they had ever raised, taking a magnificent £280.Now they will have to get knitting in order to have enough for their next stall.

The craft fair gave a chance for talented local people to show their wares; for Lucy Stickley it was a first time outing for her mosaic work which had won her a prize at the Wambrook flower show. Lucy, who suffers from multiple sclerosis, enjoys the intricate work as a hobby. She started making mosaics from recycled china about six months ago and began turning it to animal shapes after her mother asked for a cockerel which became a Motherís Day gift.

Peter Partridge from Chard has been decorating second hand items with his narrow boat art since 1985 and used to sell it at the Guildhall. He began teaching himself before he retired so he had a hobby to keep him occupied.

Elaborate clothes

Helen Cummins, also from Chard, started making accessory items from up-cycled sweaters and T shirts, to compliment the elaborate clothes created by her daughter- in-law and said she hoped it would take off as a small cottage industry.

Lorna Dymond from Cricket St Thomas said her offerings were not so topical with the sudden hot weather but her beautiful knitted tea cosies were normally very popular and she enjoyed making them.

Rose Burrough , who runs Barleymows said: "The word for the day was unbelievable, I could not believe the volume of people who came and I seemed to spend most of the day directing traffic, I wish I had been able to count the numbers but it was impossible to do.

"We took about £650 on the creams teas which was less than last year but I think it was just too hot for some people. It was nice to raise money for charity but I do a lot of that all the time and to be honest this event was more bout showcasing Barleymows and I was absolutely gobsmacked."

The Combe St Nicholas School also benefited from the event. Their Parent Friends Association ran the bouncy castle and provided face painting, raising a respectable £150.

■ POGO MANIA: Anabel and Maddy Davies, Mary Scott and Bryn Davies

■ NUTTY KNITTERS: Amy Manson,Diana Best and Maureen Pollard

■ FIRST PUBLIC OUTING: Lucy Stickley with her mosaics

■ SELLING FOR THE MISSUS: Mike Dymond with wife Lorna's tea cosies

■ GREAT SOUNDS: The Three Counties Swing Band

FREE FOR ALL :Families enjoying free use of the Barleymows activities

Rotary honours club founder member

AS THE ROTARY Club of Ilminster started its 42nd year, John Madge the only founder member still in the club, was made an honorary member.

Mr Madge, a well known local farmer, was president of the club in 1977-78. During his 41 years in Rotary he has worked tirelessly to uphold the aims of the organisation and its work in the community.

There was also a cheque presentation for £658.20 to Vicky Gorden from SURE as a contribution towards new equipment.

SURE which stands for the Somerset Unit for Radiotherapy Equipment is one of the club's preferred local charities and was founded 12 years ago. Discussions with the NHS and the decision to house a new haematology and oncology centre at the local hospital resulted in SURE taking on the responsibility for providing the centre with a CT scanner/ simulator and to contribute to the running costs for the first three years.

Fundraising has been organised by a small team who have all been victims of cancer or affected by the illness of a close friend or relative. As they give of their time freely SURE is justifiably proud that of every pound donated in excess of 99.5p goes into the fund.

In the time that the charity's fundraising has been in progress over 20 items of advanced technology have been funded together with a facility to make screening masks for patients with facial and throat cancers. Fully equipped by SURE the Taunton hospital ends the need for patients to travel to Bristol. The latest equipment will be officially opened in October 2012. The Rotary Club of Ilminster is delighted to support them.

■ HONORARY MEMBER: John Madge founder member of the Rotary Club of Ilminster

■ MONEY FOR SURE: President Ken Dewsbury presents the cheque to Vicky Gordon for SURE watched by Rotar-

■ GOING BACKWARDS: Harlequin CC members Karen Williams, Steve Dawe (chairman) and Sarah Trott

Of mice and fundraising . . .

FUNDRAISING for this year's Harlequins Carnival Club float took on a different dimension when they brought their mice racing event to the Shrubbery Hotel.

Sub- committee member and "mousekeeper" Karen Williams said it was the first time they had taken the mice racing into the public domain, having previously trialled it as an interclub event but when they took it to their summer fete at Greenfylde School it had been a big hit.

They are now offering their set up to other fundraising groups as a hireable package, complete with bar if required. Those who are squeamish about little mammals running around need have no fear, the racing rodents are completely contained in a Perspex fronted case of numbered runs, so there is no danger of escape into the general population. The mice are all used to being handled and the runs are short so it is not stressful for them. They can turn around in the runs, which can add a twist the results.

Local businesses sponsored the races in the programmes and the numbered mice in each race had exotic names, with the last race being a special where the runners were auctioned off and named by the winning "owners".

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Still a townie but with countryside at heart

ARTIST and photographer Julie Monk admits to being a townie who fell in love with the countryside.

She moved to Crewkerne from London when she was 13 as her dad got a job at Cronite. He was a "bit of a kidder" and told her they were moving to Somerset, where there was no electricity!

Julie said it took a while to adjust to the change of pace at that age but now she wouldn't go back and has developed a love of the local landscapes, which she captures with her camera and more recently creates in encaustic art (melted wax painting).

Aside from her own photography, in which she is self-taught, she now works at Foto Finish, the independent photographic laboratory in Chard, and enjoys helping customers and sharing ideas.

60 seconds

HOW did you become interested in photography?
My dad has always liked it and had one of those old bellows cameras. I can remember shivering in front of it in one of those horrible old woolly swimsuits! We always had cameras when we were kids.

I started doing landscapes but now I love macro flowers and bumble bees. I really enjoy photography which can be really annoying for other people because I keep stopping when I'm out.

WHEN you work in macro what is your favourite subject?
It's got to be the flowers but I also like going close for abstract. When we went to Weymouth and everyone was taking landscapes my partner wanted to know why I was photographing a pile of hats in a shop doorway.

WHAT do you like most about the area?
It's got to be the countryside and the landscapes with all the different greens. I love it every morning when I go over Windwhistle and look out towards Cricket St Thomas and it's all misty. Sometimes, I just have to stop and then in the winter when you get early sunsets, that's when I will be going to Chard Reservoir on the way home.

WHERE is a good local spot?
I've been doing a lot of work at the Field of Dreams in South Petherton. Itis only been going two years but the first year it was brilliant and this year even more amazing because they made it into three fields. One was a whole field of sunflowers which were fantastic with a dark sky behind. It also encourages wildlife, which we so desperately need, and it's amazing how they are spreading it around to other places.

IF you could phtotograph anyone who would you choose?
I think Boris Johnson would be brilliant because he has such an animated face and never puts his brain in gear before he speaks. I don't think I would be able to take the photo because we'd be laughing too much! If he ever stands for parliament I think I'd vote for him because I don't think he has the intelligence to lie and I think he'd be a riot.

WHAT made you try encaustic art?
It was only about six months ago. I saw it on a website and though it looked really good, I pondered for a while then sent for a kit and had a go. I posted what I'd done and sold it within five minutes. With photography you can see what it's going to be, with wax painting it is so fluid, even I don't know how it is going to look until the end and it's so relaxing

IF you could be a cartoon character, who would you be?
I'd be Muttley from the Whacky Races because he laughs all the time and sits behind that bloke that always gets it wrong.

WHAT would you want on your desert island?
I'd have to nick somebody's iPad so I could have music and internet access and my digital camera so I could upload images. From the survival point of view, could I have a pop up tent and a gas stove because I'm no good at making things? I'm still a townie really.

IF you won the Lottery what would you do?
Apart from sorting all my family out, I'd buy a rambling old cottage in Snowdonia because I love it there and have lots of dogs. I'd also buy a series two, short based Land Rover - then I'd be sorted.

HAVE you travelled much?
I've been to France and Greece, that was nice but my other half doesn't like hot countries. I wouldn't mind going to Venice because of the architecture.

WHAT kind of music do you enjoy?
I like all sorts, bit of classica,l bit of jazz and soul. My favourite at the moment is Celtic Woman "Arms of an Angel".

WHO was a big influence on your life?
When I was at Wadham my English teacher was Ebenezer Williams. I thought he was a brilliant teacher - nuts, but brilliant! He asked me if I was going to take GCSE English and I said no but after I did my CSE he brought me the O-Level paper and made me do it and said I would have passed.
He asked me to promise that I would go to night school and take it. I did and when I passed, my tutor said he had told Mr Williams. I asked how he knew I had taken the exam and my tutor said Mr Williams had checked every entry since I left the school.

Contact Weekender reporter MARION DRAPER on 07771 641506 or email marionsview@aol.com

Somerset Sight trustee ready to take on 45-mile river walk

SOMERSET Sight Trustee and Crewkerne resident, Rosemary Prince, will take on a 45-mile walk of the River Parrett.

Mrs Prince will start the six-day walk on Monday to raise funds for Somerset Sight, and she is inviting other keen walkers to join her.

This will be the second time Mrs Prince takes part in the walk, having completed it once seven years ago for the Crewkerne-based group which supports the visually impaired.

The first day will start at the Coach and Horses at South Perrott and will end at The Royal Oak in Over Stratton, where day two will also begin. Parking will be available at both pubs.

Walkers can sign up to join in just for one day or to take part in several or all legs of the trail, which ends on the coast above Cannington.

For more information, contact Somerset Sight on 01823 333818 or pick up a form from the Henhayes Community Centre in Crewkerne.

Somerset Sight is a charity which helps visually impaired people across the county, the Crewkerne club meets every second Tuesday of the month, except in August and January. They enjoy socialising at the centre and also take trips out.

ANYONE FOR A WALK? Rosemary Prince is taking on the Parrett Walk for Somerset Sight

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Help for small business employers

SMALL businesses hiring jobseekers on a Somerset employment programme are in line for financial help from a £180,000 grant.

Somerset County Council and other partners making up the Somerset Employment and Skills Board made a successful bid to the Government's Flexible Support Fund. The fund will also support at least 100 jobseekers through the Action for Somerset project.

Jobseekers joining the project will be helped by a mentor to access specialist advice and support, develop their skills and experience, and overcome any personal barriers to employment they might have.

Small and medium-sized companies recruiting staff from the Action for Somerset project could be able to claim back the cost of further training or other human resources costs related to the employee.

There will also be tailored support for these businesses, helping to address any concerns about recruitment, and offering in-work support to help keep the new employee in the job.

Cabinet Member David Hall said: "The Action for Somerset project will be of particular help to those looking for their first opportunity to get into work or who have struggled to find the support they need to tackle whatever is standing between them and a job. There are more employment opportunities in Somerset than many people realise, and the Employment and Skills Board will make sure jobseekers get the right support to find the right job."

Latest figures (June 2012) show that 6,900 people in Somerset were claiming Jobseekers Allowance, 2.2 per cent of the county's workforce. There were 3,130 unfilled Somerset Jobcentre vacancies.

Christine Vine, of Somerset Jobcentre Plus, said: "There are thousands of jobs available across Somerset and partnerships like this will help jobseekers take up these opportunities."

For more information about filling your vacancies with help from the Action for Somerset project, contact Natalie Wainwright email: NEWainwright@somerset.gov.uk.

Step forward for village association plan to build community centre

FORTON Community Association are one step closer to their goal of building a community centre on the village playing field, thanks to a provisional grant offer of £12,500 from South Somerset District Council Area West Committee.

The award was made at the committee's monthly meeting and is subject to the necessary funds to complete the project being raised within the next 12 months.

The planned facility would mean the end of a five year struggle to achieve a better building on the site. A grant application was submitted to SSDC in 2007 by Forton Rangers Football Club towards an extension to their clubhouse and, at that time, a grant of £12,500 was approved.

However, the applicants could not take their project forward due to a variety of design and financial reasons.

Three years ago Forton Community Association was formed following village surveys which agreed that a new purpose-built community centre would better serve the whole community.

Due to the changes, the original grant offer was withdrawn in September 2011 but the new association were encouraged to re-apply. The project has been costed at £148,348 in total, split into two phases. The cost of phase one is £48,348.

The association has raised £35,848 and the Area West capital grant of £12,500 will enable them to complete the first phase. The other £100,000 for phase two is reliant on grants from the Big Lottery, Sport England and further fundraising by the association.

The project has turned into a real village effort with not only fundraising but village tradesmen and skilled volunteers helping to keep the cost of the build down.

The centre will have dimensions of 27.6 metres x 14 metres and a seating capacity of 120 people.

There will be disabled access and toilet facilities and the centre will incorporate changing rooms, a kitchen, bar, meeting room and skittles alley. It will also accommodate a mobile stage.

The existing small clubhouse will be retained and continue to be used. Tatworth and Forton Parish Council have also provided a £5,000 grant to the football club to extend the existing sewerage pipe system from their pavilion.

■ FINDING THEIR STRENGTH: Freddie and Oliver Loder with Bob Clarke from Experience the Ironage

■ JAVELINS AWAY: SSDC Countryside rangers with Zack Marshman and Sophie Staddon

Iron age Olympics in the park

SOUTH Somerset District Council's Countryside Team hosted an Iron Age Olympic event at Ham Hill.

Three sessions were held throughout the day conducted by the "Experience the Ironage" team, who often work at the park.

The sessions, for over eights, involved testing accuracy, stamina and speed as the children were put through their paces as a newly recruited Iron Age warriors.

Javelins, spears and swords all featured in this intensive training camp for junior warriors who were having a ball, being allowed to wield big sticks and shout aggressively at their targets.

■ TARGET ACCURACY: Bruno Robinson, Peter White and Matt Russell

Walkers carry on in defiance of signs

THE WINTERHAY Lane group, who are hoping to turn their favourite walk into a public right of way, gathered for a ramble on Tuesday, August 21st, in defiance of a private road notice put up by landowners.

Around 50 users of all ages made the walk and are filling out right of way evidence forms recommended by the county council to state how often and for how long they have used the area they call Bumpy Lane, unchallenged, before the notices appeared.

The Mayor of Ilminster Councillor Roger Swann, who had already spoken to the landowners and heard their multiple reasons for the signs posted where their access track meets the Green Lane footpath and Winterhay Lane, met with the walking group to continue his fact finding mission.

He said he was now in communication with the county council and would meet their footpath officer.

Back to School

Richard Stent Optometrist

Get your childrens eyes tested before going back to school

OPTICIANS around the country are joining in a national campaign to raise awareness of the importance of eye health. Led by the association of optometrists (AOP), the campaign aims to encourage parents not to overlook their children's eye health this summer and to include a sight test in their 'back to school routine'. Up to 1 million children in the UK will return to school this year with an undiagnosed vision problem.

Local Optician, Richard Stent, from Richard Stent Optometrist in Ilminster said: "The importance of good eye health cannot be underestimated. I would urge parents to remember that taking their children to have their eyes checked is just as important as the trip to the dentist, or having feet measured. This should ideally happen around the age of four, or even before, as problems detected this young can be corrected more easily."

Parents are encouraged to include a sight test in their back to school routine. A free NHS sight test is available from any local high street optometrist. Toddlers and young children do not need to be able to read to have their eyes checked as optometrists are able to carry out an eye test using pictures.

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Yesterday's Farming comes

By Marion Draper

■ ANCIENT CRAFTS: Cabinetmaker Dick Apps made his own Romany wagon

LOCAL people were delighted to see the return of the Yesterday's Farming show to the Crewkerne area after being held at Bruton last year.

Despite having a boggy time setting up at the venue of Leaze Farm, Haselbury Plucknett, the weather cleared in time for the visitors and gradually turned into a scorching weekend for the two-day event.

Bakers of Haselbury Plucknett hosted the event on their land, with cows and calves for people to see up close and cheese to taste.

The Crewkerne Lions were manning the gates and had also teamed up with Lloyds Pharmacy to offer free blood pressure and diabetes testing and their Message in a Bottle pots.

Close to the arena where visitors were enjoying the parade of tractors through the ages, was Ralph Sharland with his scale model display of 47 years of farming on the Blackdown Hills. Given his first Chad Valley clockwork model tractor when he was five, Ralph, now 67, has collected them ever since and made scale models of the machinery they would have pulled. The first one had extra special meaning as his mother had been nanny to SC Tremaine who was an agricultural machine dealer. The models were usually given to special customers. Mr Sharland said: When I was only six months old she took me to meet Mr Tremaine and he said he would give me a job when I grew up. I did actually work for him until he packed in."

One of his prized machines was the Bamford hay turner, which took 50 hours to recreate in the correct scale, taken from hours of measuring from a full sized version he also owns.

The oldest tractor on site was a Fordson F from 1919 which had an even older Bamford finger mower on the back, from the horse- drawn age of the late 1800s. A part of the field had been set aside for the demonstration of the old mowing and harvesting machinery and, across from the show field, there were ploughing demonstrations.

There were static steam engines, many demonstrating their original uses and there were a few mobile steamers attracting interest as well.

There was much talk about the poor harvest this year. Tony Wilder from Axmouth who demonstrates at shows with a 1910 Bamford roller mill with grinder, was showing visitors the difference in quality between last year grains and this year's, which were so poor he said they would normally have been blown out the back of the harvester.

The show was subtitled "A Gateway Back to the Past" and learning about the ways of yesteryear was part of the purpose.

Cabinet maker Dick Apps from Chilthorne Domer was making woodshave flowers on the steps of the Romany wagon he had built. He said finding plans had not been difficult but he had researched for three years to discover the reasons for the way they were built. The decorative woodwork was not all about art but had a practical purpose, the shaved portions giving less weight for the horse to pull.

Other demonstrations included bodging, wheelwrighting , threshing and a tractor driven saw bench. Two local families had teamed up to demonstrate apple milling and juicing. The Maceys from Middle Chinnock provided an old mill and the Samways from North Perrott had a huge press.

This years's prize draw was in memory of Dr Jenny Bucknell with all lthe money going to Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY). Her family and friends were out in force collecting and selling draw tickets.

With an auction of old machinery, crafts displays, rare breeds, good food and stalls to wander around, there was something for all the family to enjoy and it was a very successful event.

■ OLDEST IN SHOW: Colin Cooper and Julian Paton working a 1919 Fordson F and Bamford finger mower from late 1800s

■ MEMORIES IN MINIATURE: Ralph Sharland with his first tractor

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back to South Somerset

■ COMPARING THE YEARS: Tony Wilder demonstrates his 1910 Bamford Roller Mill with grinder

■ FREE TESTS: Crewkerne Lion Emma Stratford with Rebecca and Melissa Larcombe of Lloyds Pharmacy and Christine Ridler

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■ LABOUR OF LOVE: Kevin and Brian Doggrell

Nursing home in the Olympic spirit

By Marion Draper

■ NUMBER ONE: Activities organiser Alma Shurvinton

WITH the whole country buzzing with Olympic fever from the London 2012 Olympics and soon to open Paralympics, residents of the Orchards nursing home in Crewkerne were getting into the spirit with some challenges of their own.

The trust that runs the home subscribes to the charity NAPA (National Association of Providers of Activities) for older people and they set the Go For Gold challenge to staff and residents in the older people's care sector to increase their physical activity levels, not just for theweeks of the competition but over a period of time.

The Orchards residents enjoyed some challenges such as wheelchair basketball and building a tower of bricks against the clock.

Activities organisers Alma Shurvinton and Jaqui Hubball said the Orchards was a community home and they liked to try to bring the outside world into the residents. Although the NAPA challenges were not really aimed at a nursing home, they liked to push the boundaries a little. The residents who took part said they had enjoyed doing something different and it had even brought one or two out of their shells. A big fuss was made of the winners of each challenge, with a special celebration attended by trustees Pat Walker and Jim Baker.

There were Olympic themed cupcakes, washed down with a glass of bubbly or a fruit smoothie and smart certificates and fun chocolate medals.

The ceremony was not part of the NAPA challenge - that was a little extra touch by the organisers and their volunteers who had come in to witness the challenge - but the wait is on to find out how they did against other competing homes for an NAPA prize.

Manager Elaine Brown said they had to send in pictures as evidence of the activities which were held over three days and she was pleased that the residents had enjoyed it.

■ CHEERS TO THE CHAMPIONS: Trustees Pat Walker and Jim Baker (centre back) congratulate residents and staff on their Olympic fun

Deputy mayor resigns from town council

■ RESIGNED: Sue White

THE DEPUTY mayor of Crewkerne, Councillor Sue White, said it was with great regret that she had handed in her resignation, after serving on the town council for more than five years.

Councillor White has been an extremely active member of the council. While chairman of the amenities committee she took responsibility for Crewkerne in Bloom and the Happy Valley and new Henhayes playground projects.

Town Clerek Jeanne Warner said Councillor White would be very much missed and it had taken a lot of soul searching for her to come to this decision.

Mrs White will continue to take an active interest in the town as a resident but needs more time to be with her husband who has been unwell.

Applications for a new councillor are being sought and unless a by-election is called for, the place will be filled by co-option.

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By The Editor
Philip Evans

IT'S good news week for **The Weekenders** in South Somerset - we are celebrating our 100th edition!

The three editions in Crewkerne, Chard and Ilminster, with a combined weekly distribution of 8.500 copies, were launched on October 1st 2010.

Much has happened since that time with local newspapers experiencing some of the most difficult days in the history of regional press.

The Weekenders are now a part of the enlarged Devon, Dorset and Somerset Series of Newspapers, owned by Tindle Newspapers, the biggest group of independently owned newspapers in the UK and owners of the iconic *Pulman's Weekly News* brand.

But despite the difficulties of the current marketplace, **The Weekenders** in South Somerset have established themselves as the area's most popular free newspaper with advertisers and readers.

The Weekenders' concentration of community news, with our heavy emphasis on photographic coverage of local events by reporter Marion Draper, highly respected throughout the area, has proved to be particularly popular, demonstrating the demand for good news.

Our sports coverage, edited by **Howard Larcombe**, is another big plus and makes essential reading for all sports enthusiasts in South Somerset.

Our creative and unique advertising features, generated by the area's most innovative advertising sales team, have also been well received, helping local traders to maximise their sales potential.

Now with the backing of Tindle Newspapers, the future looks bright for **The Weekenders** and we will be raising a glass or two this week to our next 100 issues.

Thank you to our advertisers for their support and also to our readers for sticking with us through the last 100 weeks.

OUR first Crewkerne edition in October 2010

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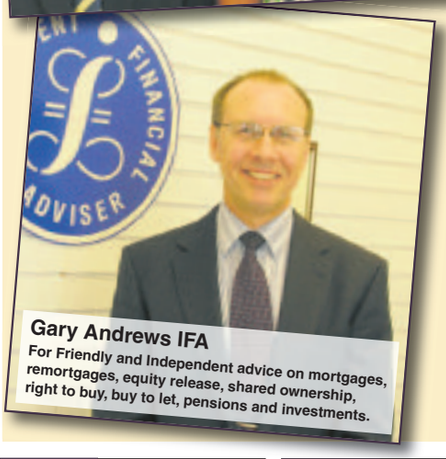

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arts & entertainment

Local men lose 11 stone with Slimming World

TWO local men have lost 11 stone between them whilst attending their local Slimming World groups. John Daley, from Chard, goes to Chard morning group with Jenny as his consultant and Robert Paton, from Broadway, goes to Ilminster Thursday night with Kathleen as his consultant. They have both lost 5.5 stone each. Both of them have very similar stories as to why they joined Slimming World.

John joined because he stopped smoking, had breathing difficulties and his BMI was over 39 (20 -25 being the norm). Robert joined for the same reason. He also stopped smoking and his deciding factor was when he couldn't bend down to tie his shoe laces!

Both had persevered for a few months to lose weight on their own. John tried to use a bike but found that he was too heavy for his legs to move in any direction other than downhill!

Having seen the banner they both took the plunge and after weeks of agonising they joined Slimming World and have not looked back. John couldn't believe that he could still go out with his mates to play skittles and enjoy the after game meal; Robert could still enjoy his weekly take-away with the right choices. Slimming World has fitted into their lives and has now become part of it, even enjoying their favourite meals – curry and spaghetti bolognaise.

Friends and family, along with Kathleen and Jenny, have really seen a change in Robert and John and seen their confidence grow. John has seen a huge improvement to his health and Robert can tie his shoe laces comfortably!

Robert says "Slimming World has changed my life and I have already introduced 6 people from my office to Slimming World."

John says "I would urge anyone who finds themselves in the position I was in to do something positive about it. I don't think that you have to look much further than your local Slimming World group. If I can do it, I am certain anyone can."

BEFORE AND AFTER | Jon and Rob lost 11 stone between them whilst attending Slimming World groups in Somerset

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Following the main event there will be a finale firework display to conclude an amazing evening where one can reflect on those people close to you who are in your thoughts or are no longer with us.

Help for Heroes will benefit from 50% of all proceeds raised and the remaining 50% will be distributed to Lyme Regis youth organisations.

The weekend begins at 8.00pm on Friday, August 24th with free live music at the Marine Parade Shelters by *Delta Tango 7*; on Saturday, August 25th at 8.30pm a grand torchlight procession through the town to the Cobb Harbour (torch-lights available for sale from 7.30pm at the entrance to the Langmoor Gardens in Broad Street), followed by free live music with *REACTOR* at the Marine Parade Shelters at 9.00pm or live music by the *Bruised Brothers* in the Lyme Regis Power Boat Club (tickets £10 by calling 07768725959). Finally on Sunday 26th at 7.00pm approximately, the stunning Candles on the Cobb spectacle will evolve in front of your very eyes!

Candle Certificates can be purchased online at www.candlesonthecobb.org ; or in various outlets within Lyme Regis together with t-shirts and souvenir programmes also available at selling stations on the Lyme Regis Marine Parade.

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Win a case of cider courtesy of Lyme Bay Winery

LYME Bay Winery produce award winning, traditional ciders, country wines and fruit liqueurs. The Winery is a small artisan company, so while they utilise modern production techniques where possible, their drinks are produced in small batches with much care.

The Jack Ratt Story

JACK Ratt, born Jack Rattenbury in Devon in 1778, was a seaman and fisherman who turned to smuggling to earn his living. He lived four miles away in the village of Beer, smuggling tea, brandy, and tobacco from France to secret coves along the Lyme Bay coast. Smuggled goods were shipped in waterproof barrels tied together with ropes ready for sinking in the sea off the coast if the Customs & Excise were about. Weighted down by stones and marked with a small float, the goods were collected at a future date and smuggled into the countryside via a system of safe houses, to market.

Jack Rattenbury had many encounters with the Customs & Excise and often made lucky escapes. William Hunt, one of Jack Ratt's contemporaries and a member of the infamous 'Beere gang' was not so lucky. After evading capture he had to have his dislocated shoulder put back by the force of a cider press.

After 30 years of adventures; surviving impressments, imprisonment, shipwreck, and storm, Jack Ratt was so notorious he was asked to relate his story for a book; 'Memoirs of a Smuggler', published in 1837. The Lyme Bay Winery is proud to name their ciders after this colourful local figure!

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BARRINGTON: Barrington Village Fete. 2-4.30pm at Barrington Village Hall and Playing Fields near Ilminster. Fancy dress parade starts 1.15pm at Barrington Church with a parade to the start of the fete. Easter bonnet parade for men! Afternoon tea and cakes in the village hall. Beer tent, hot dogs, burgers, pork rolls. Bouncy castle, tug of war, children's games and races, skittles, ice creams, tombola, bric a brac and many more stalls.

MONDAY AUGUST 27TH
DONYATT: Village Ploughman's Lunch at Donyatt Village Hall from 12noon. Price £7.50 to include Ploughman's with salads, dessert, tea or coffee and a raffle ticket. Join us for a social occasion and a really good meal! All proceeds to Village Hall Improvement Fund. For more details call 01460 53879

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WINCANTON: Free Arts and Crafts day with South Somerset District Council at Wincanton Recreationg Ground, Station Road. 'Under the Sea' theme. 10am to 12noon, and 12.45pm-3pm. Aimed at children 10 years and below. All children must be accompanied by an adult.
CREWKERNE: Are you over 70 or do you know anyone over 70? Do you, or they like a laugh, eating with friends and generally having a good time?
If so, Tuesday at The Henhayes Centre could be the place to be. Come to The Henhayes Centre at 10am for either a cup of tea and biscuits and stay until 2.30pm after enjoying a wholesome lunch.
All this for £5.50 and transport can be arranged.
Please ring 01460 74340 for more information.

TUESDAY AUGUST 28TH & WED AUGUST 29TH
CHARD: Blood Donors session in the Guildhall for more information please phone 0300 123 23 23

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 29TH
ILCHESTER: Free Arts and Crafts day with South Somerset District Council at Ilchester Town Hall (car park), High Street. 'Under the Sea' theme. 10am to 12noon, and 12.45pm-3pm. Aimed at children 10 years and below. All children must be accompanied by an adult.
CREWKERNE: Join us at The Henhayes Community Centre, Crewkerne for a fun afternoon of Bingo 2.30pm to 4pm. £4.20 for 6 books of 12 games. Cash prizes.
CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Children's Society charity shop family fun day 9am-5pm. Raffle, lucky dip, colouring competition, cake sale and more.

THURSDAY AUGUST 30TH
CREWKERNE: Over 50 and want to enjoy keeping fit? Come to The Henhayes Community Centre, Crewkerne for Over 50's Keep Fit from 10am to 11am. £3 session (members £2).

FRIDAY AUGUST 31ST
EAST COKER: Cancer Research UK Coffee Morning at Helyer Arms from 10am - 12noon. @2.50 coffee cake and raffle.
CREWKERNE: Country Market at the Henhayes Community Centre, Crewkerne... 9am –11.30am. All fresh local produce. Vegetables, cakes, bread, flowers and much more.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST
CHARD: Popular Fayre. At The Guildhall. Various Stalls including Records, Handmade knit wear, Crafts and Craft Making. Refreshments available. Doors open from 9am until 12.30pm.
CHARD: A Councilors' surgery is being held in the Guildhall Chard from 10am until 11am.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH
CLAPTON: Sew, knit & natter at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall, 10.30am; all welcome, for more details call 01460 72837
CHARD: Screen at the Guildhall annual general meeting to be held in Chard Museum at 7.30pm. All welcome. Enquiries: David Ricketts 07941 585823 or satgchard@hotmail.co.uk

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH
CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Film Society's new season begins, showing 'The Help' at 8pm in the village hall. Doors open/refreshments on sale at 7.30pm. New members very welcome; details from Mick (01460 74849) or Marilyn (01460 77062)

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH
CHARD: Cash Bingo at Crowshute House, starting at 7pm. Refreshments and a large raffle.
SOUTH PETHERTON: Photographic Exhibition at Blake Hall, Market Square from 10am-4pm. Exhibition of members' prints; get help with photo and camera queries; bring 35mm slides and film to see them digitised; see the club's programme for the coming season; buy 2013 South Petherton calendars; cast your votes in two competitions. Free entry and free refreshments.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH
TATWORTH: Tea & Talk subject Complementary Therapy at Tatworth Memorial Hall from 2pm. Organised by Tatworth Active Living, for more details call 01460 220198.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH
CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - Luncheon club, mid-day for 12.30pm start. All welcome, but please book places in advance by phoning June (01460 77057)

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH
NORTH PERROTT: Amusing tuneful talk "A blast from the past" part 2 by Jonathan Weeks. Saturday September 15th, 7pm, North Perrott Church. Tickets £8/£2 01460 72883
CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - jumble sale, 2pm; also plants, tombola & refreshments. Hall open for donations from 10am-mid-day. Information from Jackie (01460 72324)

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH
CHARD: Film: Best Exotic Marigold Hotel screen at the Guildhall, Fore Street. Admission £5, doors open 7pm for film at 7.30pm. Organised by Screen at the Guildhall.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH
CHARD: Chard Crowshute Centre AGM at Crowshute House 6.30 pm. All welcome.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH
CHARD: MAKE & MUNCH (1) with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). Course of 6 practical cookery sessions for Mums, Dads and carers of babies and children up to 4 years, plus cooking demonstrations, healthy eating information, tips on how to overcome eating problems, recipes, FREE LUNCH and more! Held At Crowshute House, Crowshute House, Chard 10.15am-12.45pm. Call 01297 631782 for more details or go to www.halff.org.uk. Free to newcomers, £2 per family for regulars.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22ND
SOUTH PETHERTON: Peace Vigil at Blake Hall from 11am-12noon.

You can email your Diary Dates to rob@pemedia.co.uk
Deadline 12noon Wednesday. Unfortunately we cannot accept ongoing entries without a list of dates

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Going Out Film

This week's new releases

THE WATCH [15]
FOUR everyday suburban guys come together as an excuse to escape their humdrum lives one night a week. But when they accidentally discover that their town has become overrun with aliens posing as ordinary suburbanites, they have no choice but to save their neighbourhood - and the world - from total extermination.
Stars Ben Stiller, Vince Vaughn and Jonah Hill.

KEITH LEMON: THE FILM [15]
THE rags to riches story of Keith Lemon, who invents a phone with a light up lemon on the back, which leads to a Hollywood celebrity lifestyle and relationship with Kelly Brook.
Stars Leigh Francis, Verne Troyer and Kelly Brook.

V/H/S [15]
A POV, found footage horror film from the perspective of America's top genre filmmakers. A group of misfits are hired by an unknown third party to burglarize a desolate house in the countryside and acquire a rare tape. Upon searching the house, the guys are confronted with a dead body, a hub of old televisions and an endless supply of cryptic footage, each video stranger than the last.
Stars Calvin Reeder, Lane Hughes and Adam Wingard.

SHADOW DANCER [15]
SET in 1990s Belfast, an active member of the IRA becomes an informant for MI5 in order to protect her son's welfare.
Stars Clive Owen, Andrea Riseborough and Gillian Anderson.

THE VICTIM [15]
ANNIE'S (Jennifer Blanc) life is in jeopardy after she's witnessed the horrific rape and murder of her closest friend. Fleeing from two attackers (Ryan Honey, Denny Kirkwood) she stumbles across Kyle (Michael Biehn), a recluse living in the middle of the woods. Kyle finds the stillness of the woods comforting. The ruggedly handsome loner stays far from civilisation - that is - until a single knock on his door throws his solitary life into chaos.

TIM AND ERIC'S BILLION DOLLAR MOVIE [18]
Two guys get a billion dollars to make a movie, only to watch their dream run off course. In order to make the money back, they then attempt to revitalise a failing shopping mall. Stars Tim Heidecker, Eric Wareheim and Jeff Goldblum.

Forthcoming Events in Chard Guildhall

Every Sunday 10:30 am
FOREFRONT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Church Service - All welcome

Every Tuesday 9:30am and 11:30am & 7.30pm
SLIMMING WORLD
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Every other Wednesday, next meeting 29th August
10:30am - 12:30pm
MEMORY CAFE
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Every Thursday, 9am - 2pm
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Every Thursday, 7:45 pm - 8:30 pm
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Saturday 1st September
10am - 11am
COUNCILLORS' SURGERY

Saturday 1st September 9am - 12:30pm
POPULAR FAYRE
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Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm
CHARD TOWN COUNCIL RECEPTION

We have many other events taking place.
For further details please contact
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WWW.CHARD.GOV.UK

CINEMA LISTINGS
Friday, August 24th - Thursday, August 30th
ALL LISTINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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Ted [15]
Fri-Tue: 13.00, 15.20, 17.45, 18.45, 20.15, 21.15
Wed & Thu: 13.00, 15.20, 17.45, 20.15
Brave *in 3D* [PG]
Daily: 10.40, 12.55, 15.10, 17.30, 19.45
The Bourne Legacy [12A]
Fri-Mon: 11.35, 14.25, 17.20, 18.20, 20.25, 21.25
Tue-Thu: 11.35, 14.25, 17.20, 20.25
The Expendables 2 [15]
Fri-Sun: 13.40, 16.10, 17.45, 18.30, 20.10, 21.00, Mon, Tue: 13.40, 16.10, 18.30, 21.00, Wed & Thu: 16.10, 18.30, 21.00
The Wedding Video [15]
Daily: 18.30, 20.45
The Dark Knight Rises [12A]
Daily: 10.30, 13.50, 17.20, 20.45
Brave *in 2D* [PG]
Fri, Sun-Thu: 11.45, 14.00, 16.15
Sat: 14.00, 16.15
Total Recall [12A]
Wed & Thu: 12.45, 15.30, 17.15, 18.15, 20.00, 21.00
The Watch [15]
Mon, Wed & Thu: 10.45, 13.15, 15.35, 18.00, 20.30, Tue: 10.45, 15.35, 18.00, 20.30
The Three Stooges [PG]
Fri-Tue: 11.20, 13.30, 15.45
(Excluding Sat: 11.20am)
Wed & Thu: 11.20, 13.30
Keith Lemon: The Film [15]
Daily: 12.35, 14.45, 17.00, 19.15, 21.30
Step Up 4 *in 3D* [PG] Fri, Sun: 10.50am
Step Up 4 *in 2D* [PG] Fri-Sun: 13.10, 15.30
Diary Of A Wimpy Kid: Dog Days [U]
Fri-Tue: 12.00, 14.15, 16.30
Wed & Thu: 12.00, 14.15
Dr Seuss: The Lorax *in 2D* [U]
Daily: 11.00am
Katy Perry: Part Of Me *3D* [PG] Tue: 13.30
Ice Age: Continental Drift *in 2D* [U]
Fri-Tue: 11.30am
Top Cat: The Movie [U] Sat: 10.15am
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island [PG]
Sat: 10.00am
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked [U] Sat: 10.30am

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Ted [15] Daily: 19.50

Win a pair of tickets to the National Home Improvement Show

THE UK's leading event for home improvers, The National Home Improvement Show, is returning for its fourth consecutive year to a new home, Olympia, London from September 28th-30th 2012.

Aimed at the serious home improver, the show brings visitors an unrivalled selection of ideas, inspiration and expert advice to help them take the next step with their home improvement project. The show has grown significantly and boasts a number of brand new features, including free interior design classes at The Design School, one to one advice at the Renewable Energy Advice Clinic and real life case studies at The Inspirational Interactive Café. There are hundreds of exhibitors and experts for you to meet and thousands of innovative products for you to see – all packed into three days under the one roof!

Oliver Heath, star of BBC's changing Rooms' specialises in environmentally sustainable architecture and eco interiors and will be joining the celebrated line up of experts this year. He brings his years of experience to the show to provide new inspiration for visitors and to help solve people's design dilemmas.

For the first time, The National Home Improvement Show has teamed up with Susan Llewellyn, founder of The Susan Llewellyn Academy of Interior Design to bring you The Design School, which is also sponsored by Muralto furniture. This area will offer a packed programme of insightful seminars and workshops on how to create your perfect home. The Design School is supported by a dedicated Interiors Village that brings together products and services to provide those important finishing touches which will complete your project and provide that wow factor.

With increasing consumer interest in renewable energies such as heat pumps, water harvesting and solar energy, this year, the show has a dedicated feature - The Renewable Energy Advice Clinic. Visitors can talk to specialist exhibitors, obtain advice from the experts and see hundreds of products first hand.

The Inspirational Interactive Café is a new hands-on feature offering specialist top tips and real life case studies from award winning homes, easily accessible via touch screens. Hear first hand from successful renovators about their experiences, discover fantastic home designs and understand extension, conversion or home improvement process.

Due to popular demand, returning features to the show this year include the Smart Advice Clinic sponsored by CEDIA, the Kitchen and Bathroom Inspiration Zone brought to you by Kitchen Bedroom & Bathroom magazine, The Gardening and Landscaping Zone sponsored by Alec White Garden Design, live demonstrations of traditional lime plastering presented by Mike Wye & Associates, Tricks of the Trade by resident DIY Doctor, Real Homes Live Advice Centre and the Masterclass Theatre.

For the first time, the National Home Improvement show has teamed up with Centrepoint, the charity that provides emergency accommodation, support, information and training for homeless young people. For every ticket purchased the National Home Improvement Show will donate £1 to Centrepoint.

For more information on the show, exhibitors, seminar schedules and tickets visit www.improveyourhomeshow.co.uk or call the ticket hotline on 0844 581 0802 . Tickets are £8 if booked in advance and £12 on door.

◆ To win one of 50 pairs of tickets, just answer the following question:

Which star of BBC's Changing Rooms will be joining the experts this year?

Send your answers on a postcard to NHIS Competition, View from Newspapers, Unit 3, St Michael's Business Centre, Lyme Regis, Dorset DT7 3DB by Friday, September 7th.

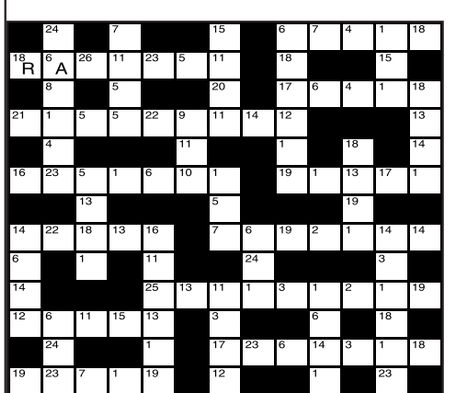
Winners picked at random, editors decision is final.

Brain Gym

No.183

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Will it stop the bedclothes slipping off? (5-6)
9. Record used briefly in mathematics (3)
10. Continuous transmission through the ages (9)
11. From the alphabet he takes a letter (5)
13. In unusual speed the French slipped by (7)
14. Put in a grave position (6)
16. Lie about an attitude (6)
18. Quietly tell the story to the archbishop (7)
19. To exist with a clique surrounded by the enemy (5)
20. Descriptive of the man who has no craft? (9)
21. Was successful - at present making a come-back (3)
22. The ranks in America showing dignity (11)

Down

2. Embrace that is well-nigh tremendous (3)
3. Ten in revised rate - that's more than enough (5)
4. Degraded and vile in present-day setting (6)
5. The company in time makes money (7)
6. Nothing is given to organisations for spreading Christianity - they're not included (9)
7. Security devices used on many domestic lines (7-4)
8. Drive tenant mad! It's quite unintentional (11)
12. He certainly couldn't be called a middle-man! (9)
15. Build me a little home, the most humble (7)
17. Make some disclosure about some meat (6)
19. It's a container like in a container (5)
21. Used to be turned into a proverb (3)

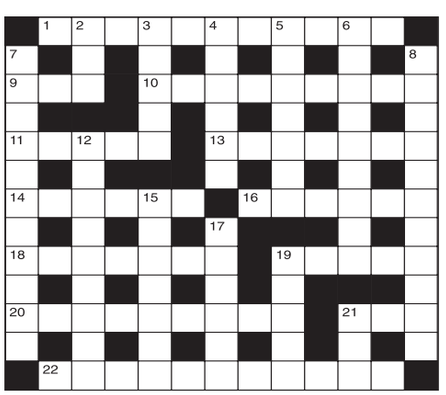
Quick Clues:

Across

1. Done on purpose (11)
9. Fitting (3)
10. Instruction (9)
11. A sea-duck (5)
13. Warship (7)
14. Start (6)
16. Lose life (6)
18. Relate (7)
19. Adhesive substance (5)
20. Vigorous (9)
21. Enemy (3)
22. In any case (2,3,6)

Down

2. Entrap (3)
3. Senior (5)
4. Three times (6)
5. Shut out (7)
6. In the middle of a boat (9)
7. Seek advice (4,7)
8. Rebuked (11)
12. Cleansing agent (9)
15. Gospel (7)
17. Stinging plant (6)
19. Frill of lace (5)
21. Adjust (3)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Pupa; 3 Smacking; 9 Liaison; 10 Sepia; 11 Cloven-hoofed; 13 Estate; 15 Corset; 17 Brother-in-law; 20 Plato; 21 Shatter; 22 Sinister; 23 News. Down: 1 Policies; 2 Piano; 4 Months; 5 Cosmopolitan; 6 Impress; 7 Gear; 8 Ostentatious; 12 Stewards; 14 Terrain; 16 Lessee; 18 Lathe; 19 Upas. QUICK - Across: 1 Full; 3 Stocking; 9 Outwear; 10 Novel; 11 Discomfiture; 13 Impose; 15 Surest; 17 Disreputable; 20 Least; 21 Odorous; 22 Wheedles; 23 Shed. Down: 1 Floodlit; 2 Lotus; 4 Thrift; 5 Construction; 6 Inverse; 7 Gull; 8 Demonstrated; 12 Stressed; 14 Private; 16 Oppose; 18 Booth; 19 Blow.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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	6				4	1		5

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

2	8	4	7	6	3	5	9	1
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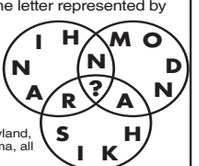
9	4	3	6	5	1	2	7	8
8	1	2	4	3	7	6	5	9
5	6	7	9	8	2	1	4	3

Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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David Williams MBE, CEO of GEM Motoring Assist, comments: "Although we are disappointed about missing out on first place, we are delighted with the customer feedback from the survey. Not only did we come first in terms of overall service but knowing that we are number one for speed of recovery is a big win for us.

"This annual survey is a key indicator to show us how our members feel about the service and, in turn, the areas we need to improve on. Coming a close second for 'friendliness and helpfulness' is a great result for our customer service team as we strive to offer our members all we can in terms of a complete breakdown service," David concludes.

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JACK HIGH BOWLS NEWS

Hot-shots Ilminster close in on title

CHARD *with Penny Herrick*

Short Mat

CHARD hosted a visit from **Merriott** Bowling Club on Thursday, August 16th to play four games of Short Mat Bowls.

Chard won on two rinks as did Merriott but Chard won overall with 42 shots to Merriott's 38 shots.

Lawn Green

CHARD welcomed visitors from **Chardstock** Bowling Club on Thursday, August 16th to play a friendly game of four triples.

The weather was mainly fine but just as play finished the showers started again. The final score was Chard 77 Chardstock 69.

On Friday, 17th August, Chard travelled to **Wellington** Bowling Club to play four games of mixed triples.

There had been a very heavy shower of rain in the morning and there was some doubt about whether the game could be played as Wellington's green had flooded.

However, the players took a chance and there was beautiful sunshine while play took place. The final score was Chard 63 shots to Wellington's 80 shots.

ILMINSTER *with Des Maull*

ILMINSTER A picked-up a 'hot-shot' on the way to winning by 73 shots to 59 (11 pts to 1) against **Bristol** in the chase for the County League Premier League title.

Louis Ridout's rink had a maximum score (eight shots) on one end in a very important win at home to Bristol.

Scores: Ilminster Bill Anderson, Bev Brister, Peter Mattravers and Phil Downes 25 P Birmingham 19. Neil Rowe, Alan Hilt, John Ridout and Louis Ridout 29 Barry Barry 21. Matt Hamilton, Dave Hynard, Jason Miles and Mark Denslow 19 A Forster 19.

Ilminster C also had a very good 55-47 win away to **Street** (10pts to 2). Ilminster scores: Colin Osborne, Jack Newman, Roy Orme and Briane Davies 23 D Marshall 10. Owen Mico, Gary Riste, Derek Carter and Malcolm Norton 13 B Lequesne 28. Ian Dunford, Steve Yarrow, Steve Webster and Dave Crouch 19 R Burr 9.

In the two Counties League Ilminster entertained **Westlands** in a very close match. Ilminster won on one rink lost on one and drew on two, winning overall 69-65 (12pts to four).

Ilminster scores: Des Maull, Tony Cole, Malcolm Norton and Barry Sims 15 G Hallett 16. Ian Dunford, Mike King, Cliff Whelan and Kevin Hamilton 18 C Nichols 18. Steve Yarrow, Jack Newman, Roger Brown and Jason Miles 16 S Terrell 16. Roy Orme, Ray Dolby, Andy Williams and John Osborne 20 G Windeat 15.

Southey Trophy

ILMINSTER Ladies are through to the semi-final of the Southey Trophy after a terrific three rinks to one win against **Long Ashton** at Fosseway BC.

The team now meet the winners of the Mark Moor v Watchet match at Portishead RBL on the 9th September.

Ilminster team: Singles - Monica Woodland, Pairs - Betty Marner & Heather Sims. Triples - Helen Collins, Norma Pugh & Christine Davies. Fours - Shannon Crouch, Rita Grout, Maureen Mitchel & June Checkets.

In the Wessex Mixed Triples League Ilminster were at home to **Yeovil**. Ilminster won on all rinks and by 65 shots to 43 10pts to 0).

■ **CUP WINNERS:** The Severalls team which lifted the Will Masters Triples competition trophy after beating Castle Cary at South Petherton last week.

Ilminster scores: David Pugh, Lyn Williams & Andy Williams 19 B Colvin 14. Heather Sims, Dave Crouch & Barry Sims 21 J Humphries 11. Des Maull, Christine Davies & Briane Davies 25 M Burton 19.

In the Ladies League Ilminster lost to **Taunton Deane** by 29 shots to 37. Ilminster (home) Sylvia Read, Rita Grout, Margaret Evans & Heather Grinter 12 Di Routley 17 and (away): Betty Marner, Helen Collins, Christine Davies & Monica Woodland 17 L Rowley.

SEVERALLS *with Pru Robbins*

ON Tuesday, August 14th Severalls Ladies entertained **South Petherton Ladies** in a three-rink friendly match.

After a very friendly competitive game South Petherton won on two of the three rinks and by 48–41 shots overall.

Rink Scores: Sue Phinn, Jackie Stacey and H.Leamon 12 Eileen Beckey 13. Val Black, M.Gilbert and Anne Larcombe 12 Di Lester 21. N.Austin, Sue Hodder and Sheila Rees 17 Carol Kemp 14.

Last Saturday, on one of the loveliest afternoons of the summer, we welcomed our near neighbours **Merriott** for a Wessex Mixed Friendly League match.

After a very closely fought game we won on two rinks and lost on two with Severalls coming out on top by 75–71.

Rink scores: Jackie Stacey, N.Patel, Ann Larcombe and K.Leamon 23 A.Truscott 16. Alec Larcombe, H.Leamon, A.Dow and D.Wallis 24 C.Parsons 11. M.Gilbert, T.Robins, John Stacey and R.Hodder 17 D.Baker 20. S.Hodder, L.Noad, W.Gilbert and G.Chant 11 J.Parsons 24.

SOUTH PETHERTON *with Lawrence Symes*

SOUTH Petherton were confirmed as the winners of the Somerset section of the Two-Counties league this week.

The team will now play Seaton in the final that will be held at Ilminster Bowling Club on Sunday, September 9th at 2.30pm

In the **Wednesday night triples league** there were wins for the teams led by; Dave Hingley, Tony Peterson and Pete Mottram. Mottram's team top the table with just three games remaining.

On Friday, August 17th South Petherton entertained **Sherborne** in the Wessex league. South Petherton won on three rinks and drew on the fourth to win the game 84-63,

Rink scores: P Mottram, N Peterson, B Careford & R Bell drew 19-19, M Cornelius, E Beckey, P Hutchings & C Harris won 23-11, N Pipe, H Cornelius, L Langdon & R Corbet won 23-18, D Russell, H Perry, T Peterson & L Symes won 19-15

Last Saturday South Petherton travelled to **Queen Camel**, again in the Wessex league, on a hot and sticky afternoon. South Petherton won on three rinks to win the game 98-55 and take 14 of the 16 points on offer,

Rink Scores: M Cornelius, H Perry, S Lester & R Corbet won 22-15, S Donavan, G Manuel, T Peterson & L Symes lost 11-23, P Mottram, N Peterson, L Langdon & P Hutchings won 24-9, B Loud H Cornelius, B Carford & R bell won 41-8.

The following day South Petheron held the annual **Will Masters triples** competition when 24 teams from various clubs played in two sections.

After the round-robin games were completed the winners and runners-up played off for the final placings. These games were very close with Merriott just pipping South Petherton for third spot on the last end.

The final between Castle Cary and Severalls went to an extra end, with Severalls emerging as the winners, congratulations to them and all the teams who made this a fantastic day.

Special thanks also to Eileen Becky and her team who kept nearly 100 competitors and guests fed and watered on the day.

ON THE SPOT...

WEEKENDER SPORT **puts North Perrott CC's**

Sam Harper

UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Q How long have you been involved in the local cricket scene? Who have you played for?

A I have been playing cricket locally for about 17 years. I played at Crewkerne from the age of 10-19 (I also played football and rugby for Crewkerne 1st teams at various points in the last 10 years) then moved to North Perrott at 19, so about seven or eight years now.

Q Who are the best three players you've played alongside so far, and why?

A **Dean Van Blerk** was a great batsman and 'keeper when he could be bothered. **Nick John** was a great batsman and was the better of the John brothers, **Dave John** wasn't bad either though, a good skipper between cigarettes!

Q What's the best away ground you've played on?

A There is no ground better than Perrott, and I am a bowler, but after that **Bath CC** isn't bad.

Q Do any games stick out in your memory?

A The Andy Caddick testimonial in 2010 was pretty memorable, I got Joss Buttler second ball of the game. But in league cricket the game against Winterborne when Tom Gannaway went the wrong way on the M4, paid the toll, and ended up in Wales was a highlight!

Q What is your career-best score with the bat?

A I scored 92 not out against Milborne Port as a 16-year-old - this remains my highest score with the bat. With the ball I took 7 for 28 in a friendly once. In league cricket I have three or four six-fors.

Q How would you improve things at North Perrott CC?

A Perrott are on the way up at last. It is a great place to play cricket but the wicket is awful...to bowl on! Parky needs to roll it a little less in my book.

Q Name some young players we should look out for in the future.

A **Jake Symes** will be very good. Rick Hyett and Mark Downing continue to show potential too!

NEXT WEEK: ILMINSTER CC's

LOUIS KRAUCAMP

SOMERSET CCC

WITH HOWARD LARCOMBE

Come on Somerset - this time!

FRIENDS PROVIDENT T20
Finals Day preview

SOMERSET CCC will hope to bury the disappointment of three successive T20 cup final defeats when they take their place in tomorrow's 'finals day' at the SWALEC Stadium, Cardiff.

Standing in their way, initially, are Hampshire who lifted the 2010 trophy after beating Somerset in a tense final which ended with the scores level but Hampshire winning on fewer wickets lost.

If successful Somerset will be facing either Sussex Sharks or Yorkshire Carnegie in the final.

Somerset may receive a massive boost on the eve of the finals with news that influential seamer Alphonso Thomas maybe fit enough to take his place in the starting line-up after recovering from a hamstring injury.

If you haven't got a ticket for Cardiff Somerset are howing the whole day's play on a big screen in the County Room at their Taunton HQ. Tickets (from the Andrew Caddick pavilion or on 0845 3371875) cost £6.50 and includes a pie and a pint.

CLYDESDALE BANK 40
Group B

A 53-RUN victory over the Scottish Saltires last Sunday has kept alive Somerset's slim hopes of reaching the semi-finals of the CB40 competition.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19TH
Somerset 133-3-9 beat Scotland 163 all out by 53 runs (D/L method)
at Bothwell Castle

BATTING first the Scots were restricted to 163 all out in 37.5 overs with the Somerset attack sharing the wickets around.

The run chase saw Somerset in control at 79-1 after 12 overs with opener Arul Suppiah batting fluently.

Suppiah eventually fell for a 45-ball 56 (7x4, 1x1). But Jos Butler smashed his way to an unbeaten 29 (5x4, 1x6) to leave the visitors comfortably ahead via the D/L method at 133-3 when the rains came.

Somerset will now need to beat rivals Surrey in their last group match at Taunton on September 2nd to reach the last four of the competition.

With run-rates likley to come into play, even a victory in their last match may not guarantee this.

If Hampshire win their final match the task becomes more difficult for Somerset who would then need Kent and Warwickshire to lose their last matches.

	P	W	L	T	NR	RR	Pts
Hants	11	7	3	0	1	0.745	15
Surrey	11	6	3	0	2	0.475	14
Somerset	**11**	**6**	**4**	**0**	**1**	**0.385**	**13**
Notts	11	6	5	0	0	0.101	12
Durham	11	5	5	0	1	0.262	11
Dragons	11	3	6	0	2	-0.971	8
Scotland	12	1	8	0	3	-1.359	5

LV=COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Division One

MARCUS Trescothick recorded his 50th first class century in the four-day LV=County championship game against Sussex at Taunton on Wednesday.

The Somerset skipper battered 20 boundaries on his way to 123 as he closed-in on his next landmark of 20,000 first-class runs.

The match also saw England seamer Sajid Mahmood make his debut for the county.

The 30-year-old is on loan from Lancashire until the end of the season and is a welcome boost to a bowling attack that is currently missing Alphonso Thomas, George Dockrell and the Overton twins Craig and Jamie.

Somerset 247 off 86.5 ov (M.Trescothick 123, Panesar career-best 7-60) Sussex 245-8 off 79.5 ov (at time of going to press on day three).

Top of the table	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Warwicks	12	5	1	6	30	34	162
Sussex	13	5	3	5	24	32	151
Notts	13	4	1	8	21	35	144
Somerset	**12**	**3**	**1**	**8**	**25**	**33**	**130**
Middlesex	13	3	4	6	23	30	119

CRAIG Kieswetter and Jos Buttler have been included in the 15-man England T20 squad which will attempt to retain the World Cup in Sri Lanka next month.

Kieswetter has also been selected in the ODI squad which takes on South Africa in a five-match series beginning with today's opener at Cardiff.

Somerset's Anya Shrubsole has been selected in the England Women's T20 World cup squad which also takes place in Sri Lanka in September and October.

◆ *Finally, Peter Trego's heroics with both bat and ball have seen him storm clear at the top of the County Championship MVP rankings: 1st P.Trego (Som) 421, 2nd D.Stevens (Kent) 387, 3rd W.Durston (Derb) 370, 33rd N.Compton (Som) 273.*

Perry Street League news

THE 2012 **Chard Hospital Cup** Final will be contested by Crewkerne Town and Winsham United ***WRITES HOWARD LARCOMBE.***

Last Thursday's semi-finals saw Crewkerne book their place for the first time since they defeated Axminster Town in the 1998-99 final with a narrow 3-1 at Perry Street.

It was 2-1 with 10 minutes to go when diminutive striker Ed Butcher notched his ninth goal of the season.

There were goals aplenty at Winsham where Joe Simmons and Matt Brown both scored twice in a 6-3 win over Forton Rangers.

The Final is scheduled for tonight (7pm kick-off at Chard Town FC - £2 entry for spectators with proceeds going to Chard Hospital League of Friends).

◆ **West & Middle Chinnock** warmed-up for the new season with a 4-1 win over Yeovil & District League division one outfit Stoke-sub-Hamden on Tuesday evening.

Matt Harvey gave the Chinnocks the lead before George Trott doubled the advantagewith a long-range scorcher on the stroke of half-time.

The visitors reduced the arrears after the restart before strikes from Damien Hallett and Mark Cawley rounded-off a fine performance from Matt Alford's side.

◆ Meanwhile **Forton Rangers** are to have some new tenants at their Lane Ground.

Devon & Exeter League division outfit Axminster Town Reserves are to have use of Rangers second pitch for the 2012-13 season

Glovers In Focus

By Stuart Broom

Unbeaten Glovers make positive start

MY OPTIMISM in last week's column for the coming season appeared to have been dashed in the first 20 minutes of Yeovil's opening game against Coventry City.

It appeared Gary Johnson had forsaken his flowing football for his predecessors up in the air, long ball tactics against a Sky Blues defence containing a couple of giants.

However normal service was soon restored and when Richard Hinds beautifully struck header restored parity after falling behind to a sloppy goal, the Glovers showed why the pundits perhaps need to adjust their prediction of a bottom four finish.

That was highlighted when they travelled to Brentford on Tuesday and took the sting out of the Bees with a fine 3-1 win.

Both sides are forecast for a top 10 finish, and whilst one, two in this case, swallows don't make a summer, the management and the fans must be optimistic.

Against Coventry City, playing their first game in the third tier since 1964, the Glovers recovered and on balance I think edged the game.

Conceding a goal from a Cody McDonald free header from close range, was not the best start, but finally the football began to flow with Ed Upson starting to fire.

Hinds, who once again showed what a top signing he is for Johnson, then scored his third goal in two games, having bagged a brace against Colchester in the Capital Cup match, and Yeovil were away.

I was also impressed by Byron Webster, playing alongside Hinds in the centre of defence. I overheard a fan cruelly tell someone he was 'a Northampton reject'. If that's so, then on the way he played on Saturday, I must put some money on the Cobblers for promotion if they are all better than him!

New skipper Jamie McAllister showed his experience, but also his lack of pace on a couple of occasions when left one-on-one, and he had the alert Marek Štěch to thank for one situation where he was caught out.

Coventry should do well despite rebuilding. They have the experience of Kevin Kilbane, Gary McSheffrey, Richard Wood and Stephen Elliott and in McDonald, a player that manager Andy Thorn thinks can deliver goals.

He reminded me however of Charlton Athletic striker Yann Kermorgant when he visited Huish Park last season.

Both have talent and would be even better if they cut out the play acting and stopped their petulant actions.

McDonald's reaction to a superb tackle from Webster midway through the second hand was to chase the referee, gesticulating and shouting his mouth off.

It was clear to everyone in the stadium that Webster clearly won the ball who was then pushed over by McDonald who in turn then theatrically fell over the prostrate defender claiming a foul.

A stronger official than David Phillips would have booked McDonald, particularly as he persisted in pursuing him around the field.

No one I guess will be thinking that it is going to be this easy, but a good start always helps build confidence, and to win at Griffin Park in no mean feat.

James Hayter whose experience shone through against Coventry with his link up play, grabbed a goal in each half, his second after Štěch had saved Paul Hayes' penalty kick after Webster had handled on the edge of the box. A Tony Craig own goal completed the scoring.

It's early days, and the Glovers have a tricky match when they travel to Scunthorpe United tomorrow to try and add more league points, before entertaining Premiership club West Bromwich Albion next Tuesday.

Talking of WBA, I went to purchase my tickets for the match on Tuesday and am amazed that the club still charge a 45p fee for using your debit card. Unbelievable!

Recently most banks decided against charging a fee on credit cards, so why are Yeovil Town charging fans for money which comes out of the payees account instantly, and to my knowledge does not incur them with a bank fee.

Am I missing something? I overcame it by borrowing some money off of my wife and paid cash!

Club round-up

YEOVIL Town have been drawn to play Premier League West Bromwich Albion in the next round of the Capital One Cup on Tuesday 28th. August at Huish Park with a 7.45 pm kick off.

Manager Gary Johnson was well pleased with the prospect of a great match.

"A Premier League club at home is as good as it gets and I am looking forward to the match with confidence!" he said.

So don't miss out on this great match order your tickets at the Yeovil Town Ticket Office on 01935 847888 now to avoid disappointment.

Could this be a return to the giant killing days that have made the name of Yeovil Town so feared in their Non-League Days?

ROVERS DATE SET

YEOVIL Town have announced that their Johnstone Paint Trophy match against Bristol Rovers has been set for Tuesday, September 4th at The Memorial Ground, Bristol with a 7.45pm kick off.

Ticket prices for both the away terrace section and the away seating area will be: Adults £10, Concessions £5, Under 16s £1. Pay on the day

Somerset senior football: News from the Robins, Blues and Saints

BY HOWARD LARCOMBE

Armstrong off the Mark as Robins bounce back

Bradford Town 0 Chard Town 1
TOOLSTATION DIVISION ONE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22ND - ATT: 69

A FIRST goal in Chard colours for Mark Armstrong saw The Robins bounce back from Saturday's mauling at Corsham in fine style with a 1-0 win at Bradford Town on Wednesday evening.

Midfielder Armstrong, a close season signing from Barnstaple Town, pounced on a fine through ball before slotting home in the 81st minute.

There was still time for Chard 'keeper James Smith to pull off two superb late saves to preserve his clean sheet.

Acting player-manager Adam Fricker was pleased with his troops, he said: "We changed the formation to 4-5-1 with Sam Clark up front on his own and I came into the middle of midfield to just sit and hold, we absorbed a lot of pressure but created chances.

"We knew it was going to be tough game against a good side, the lads showed great character after the disappointment of Saturday."

Corsham Town 6 Chard Town 0
TOOLSTATION DIVISION ONE
SATURDAY, AUGUST 18TH - ATT: 103

CHARD Town's unbeaten start to the season was ended in spectacular fashion with a 6-0 defeat at Corsham Town on Saturday.

The Robins trailed 1-0 at half-time but a five-goal avalanch past overworked 'keeper James Smith saw them slide to their worst defeat since last October.

Chard are in FAC 1st qualifying round action tomorrow when they entertian Plymouth Parkway.

Sam Clark is unavailbale and George Chlopecki is struggling with a groin injury, but Chris Gardner returns. Squad: *James Smith, Sam Johnson, Mark Scott (captain), Gary Knight, Ian Machattie, Luke Finn, George Chlopecki, Mark Armstrong, Ryan Parris, Liam Cleal, Danny Cleal, Jamie Barfoot, Adam Cole, Adam Fricker, Chris Gardner.*

Cutters Friday 3 Ilminster Town 0
SOMERSET PREMIER DIVISION

A DEPLETED Ilminster Town line-up went down 3-0 at Stockwood.

Striker Alex Paul squandered the chance to bag a late consolation when his penalty kick was well saved.

The Blues entertain Clevedon United tomorrow (3pm ko) and Bridwater Reserves on Tuesday (6.30pm ko).

◆ ***LATE NEWS: Darren Manley has stood down from the role of first team manager.***

Weston St Johns 3 Combe St Nic 3
TOOLSTATION DIVISION ONE

WESTON opening the scoring and quickly doubled their lead to leave the Saints firmly on the back foot.

But Combe recovered their composure to level with strikes from Dan Collins and Josh Chadwick.

Weston edged ahead when 'keeper Jason Hutchings was beaten by an angled shot that flew into the top corner.

The Saints were denied by the woodwork and the hosts' keeper before they snatched a deserved point-saver with a Ben Haines header in the last minute.

Combe are home to Winscombe tomorrow (3pm ko) with a midweek trip to Middlezoy Rovers on Wednesday.

■ **ON TARGET:** Mark Armstrong scored the winner at Bradford
Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE

INSIDE EDGE

Howard Larcombe rounds-up the local cricket scene

Current tables

GLOBE SPORTSWEPL

Premier 1	Pld	Pts
Bath	16	263
Bridgwater	16	263
Downend	16	200
Corsham	16	193
Taunton St Andws	16	193
Bristol	16	179
ILMINSTER	16	149
Frocester	16	135
Taunton Deane	16	127
Gloucester CW	16	87

Premier 2	Pld	Pts
Ashcott & Shapwk	16	224
Goatacre	16	221
Keynsham	16	203
Warminster	16	182
Weston-s-Mare	16	171
Glastonbury	16	163
Thornbury	16	163
CHARD	16	143
Chippenham	16	143
Westbury & Dist	16	139

Somerset	Pld	Pts
Street	16	264
Wembdon	16	206
Staplegrove	16	203
Frome	16	189
ILTON	16	166
Bishops Lydeard	16	162
Westlands Sports	16	157
Winscombe	16	148
Butleigh	16	146
Uphill Castle	16	146

Premier 2 2nd XI	Pld	Pts
Weston-s-Mare	16	222
Ashcott & Shapwk	16	208
Gloucester City	16	206
Cheltenham	16	204
Thornbury	16	201
Knowle	16	175
ILMINSTER	16	171
Glastonbury	16	144
Chippenham	16	134
Taunton	16	131

B&S 2nd XI	Pld	Pts
CHARD	16	227
Old Bristolians	16	210
Brislington	16	200
Clevedon	16	198
Chipping Sodbury	16	189
Bishopston	16	173
Bedminster	16	167
Minehead	16	152
Midsomer Norton	16	151
Bristol West Indians	16	99

BEST WESTERNSCL

Division 2	Pld	Pts
NORTH PERROTT	16	461
North Curry	16	401
Wincanton	16	368
Castle Cary	16	368
Huish & Langport	16	358
North Newton	16	352
Stogumber	16	335
Wells	16	313
BARRINGTON	16	236
Wedmore	16	211

Division 3	Pld	Pts
Bagborough	16	397
Westlands II	16	385
Bridgwater A	16	364
Burnham	16	357
Street II	16	350
Horrington	16	317
Long Sutton	16	284
Uphill Castle II	16	277
SOUTH PETHERTON	16	252
Huntspill & District	16	209

Perrott are crowned champions

GLOBE SPORTS WEST OF ENGLAND PREMIER LEAGUE
Premier One

ILMINSTER 1st XI could only muster 135 all out in pursuit of 243 after inserting Taunton St Andrews at the Rec.

The visitors amassed 242-7 with Rob Contreras just missing out on a ton after being cleaned-up by Craig Rice (1-17) for 97.

Contreras was well-supported by opener Lloyd Alley, the grandson of legendary Somerset CCC all-rounder and test umpire Bill, who clipped a fine 66.

Most successful of the Ilminster attack was Richard Elswood who took 2 for 50.

In reply, Ilminster lost opener Louis Kraucamp for just 2 bringing skipper Sam Spurway to the crease. Spurway top-scored with 29, along with Raynor Blitz, and took his personal run-tally to 670 in the process.

Ilminster's current points tally of 145 looks to be sufficient to beat the drop back down into the Premier Two division.

But they will still need points from their two tough-looking remaining fixtures beginning with tomorrow's visit by joint league leaders Bath.

Premier Two

CHARD 1st XI managed to edge their heads above the Premier Two drop zone with what could prove to be a crucial 25-run win over fellow-strugglers Westbury & District.

Visiting skipper Joe Breet won the toss and inserted Chard on a wicket that was so damp it resulted in the game being reduced to 40 overs per side.

This didn't seem to trouble opener Joel Seward who smashed a superb 85 as Chard totaled 190-4 from their allotted overs.

Westbury appeared on course for victory with Breet (71no) and opener Matt Davies-Binge going well.

But Chard skipper Jon Dalwood trapped Davies-Binge in front triggering a slide which saw the visitors stumble their way to 165-9 before the overs ran out.

Chris Scott led the way with the ball taking 5-40 from his eight overs.

Chard face what could prove to be their pivotal game of the season tomorrow when the travel to Chippenham to meet the side they are locked on 143 points with… it could be a case of winner stays up!

Somerset division

A HALF-CENTURY from opener Nat Price (52) couldn't save **Ilton 1st XI** from a six-wicket defeat in their Somerset division mid-table clash with visiting Bishops Lydeard.

Dan Brunt clubbed three 6s in his breezy 29 but Ilton were dismissed for 171 in 48.5 overs despite at one point cruising at 130-3.

The Bishops eased to victory in just 36 overs with skipper Andy Clark (65no) and Nick Taylor (53no) both notching unbeaten 50s.

2nd XI Premier Two

AN EIGHTH-wicket partnership of 85 proved crucial as **Ilminster 2nd XI** slipped to a two-wicket defeat at Glastonbury.

Batting first Ilminster racked-up 190-8 from their 45 overs with Ian Masters top-scoring with 38 (3x4, 1x6). The innings received a late boost with Mark English smashing a 17-ball 32 (2x4, 2x6).

Things looked good with Masters taking 3-30 as Glastonbury struggled to 93-7.

But Jack Lukins (62no) and John Hall (35) staged the late fightback that carried the hosts to victory – aided by 29 wides generously donated by the Ilminster attack.

Bristol & Somerset 2nd XI

CHARD 2nd XI's title ambitions received a blow as they were surprisingly beaten in a low-scoring encounter at lowly Midsomer Norton 2nds.

After being inserted Chard were in deep trouble at 49-7 before a 31-run eighth wicket partnership between Nick Crew (50, 4x4, 1x6) and Richard Scott (10) and 26 for the ninth wicket between Crew and Joe Draper (10) saw the team up to 111 all out (Nelson indeed!) on just 34.2 overs.

The hosts reply began with Neil Cox trapping namesake Dan in front with just eight runs on the board.

But it proved to be a false hope as Midsomer eased home with five wickets to spare despite Cox claiming 3-12 from his nine overs.

BEST WESTERN SHRUBBERY HOTEL SOMERSET LEAGUE

IT'S been on the cards for a while now, but **North Perrott 1st XI** duly clinched the Division Two title with a narrow six-run win over visiting Castle Cary.

Openers Gordon Whorlow (109) and Josh Marshall-James (42) made the perfect start with a three-figure stand for the first wicket – Whorlow passed through the 900-runs for the season tally in the process.

From here a total of 226-5 was probably below par and gave the visitors hope of an unlikely victory.

Two excellent partnerships carried the Cary reply to 176-2 leaving 51 required off the remaining seven overs.

But Perrott held their nerve, with Piers Szczepanski, up from the 2nd XI, doing well to concede just six off the last over of the innings when 13 were required.

In division three **South Petherton 1st XI** recorded a morale-boosting 70-run win over Street at Lightgate Lane.

Gary Fry top-scored with 42 as Pethy posted 178-9. The Street reply was decimated by Brett Venn's 4-23 as they were dismissed for 108 to leave the hosts with an outside chance of avoiding relegation.

North Perrott 2nds took advantage of Wellington's slip-up at Cheddar by sneaking up to the top of division four with a one-run victory in a nail-biter at Curry Rivel.

George Johnson top-scored with 36 as Perrott posted 159. But the hosts looked well-set for victory with 13 required off the last five overs and fours wickets in hand. But the pressure took it's toll and Johnson struck twice with the ball the visitors claimed the narrowest of victories.

Other results:
Division Five: Broadway & Horton 170 (T.Baigent 59) beat Sparkford 126 (E.Knight 5-37) by 44 runs.
Division Six: Chard A 86 (D.Pritchard 31) lost to Taunton Deane Cavaliers 92-2 (R.Hall 6-49) by eight wickets.
Division Seven: Barrington 2nds 188-5(S.Gearing 75, A.Pitman 50) beat Winscombe 2nds 184-9 (T.Towill 6-62) by five wickets.
Division Eight (S): South Petherton 2nds 62 (R.Guest 23) lost to North Petherton 2nds 164-8 (G.Williams 3-22) by 102 runs, All Saints 87 (M.Nunns 45) lost to Chilston Polden 124 (F.Wallace 3-22, M.Nunns 3-33) by 37 runs.
Division Nine (SE): Ilton 2nds 74 lost to Westlands 3rds 75-2 by eight wickets.

FIXTURES

GLOBE SPORTS WEST OF ENGLAND LEAGUE Premier One: Ilminster v Bath; **Premier Two:** Chippenham v Chard; **Somerset:** Butleigh v Ilton; **Premier Two 2nd XI:** Weston super-Mare v Ilminster; **Bristol & Somerset 2nd XI:** Chard v Bishopston.
BEST WESTERN SHRUBBERY HOTEL SOMERSET LEAGUE Division Two: North Newton, Barrington v Wedmore; **Division Three:** Westlands v South Petherton; **Division Four:** North Perrott 2nds v Fitzhead; **Division Five:** Belvedere v Broadway & Horton; **Division Six:** Chard A v Butleigh; **Division Seven:** Barton St David v Barrington 2nds, Castle Cary v Ilminster A; **Division Eight (S):** All Saints v Taunton Deane Crusaders, South Petherton 2nds v Chilton Polden; **Division Nine (SE):** Ilminster B v Curry Rivel, Ilton 2nds v Chard 750.
DORSET FUNERAL PLAN LEAGUE Division Five (NW): Crewkerne v Marnhull.

Promotion still a possibility

CREWKERNE Cricket Club made it five wins on the bounce with an emphatic eight wicket victory at rivals Bradford Abbas on Saturday.

The end of season blues appeared to have already set into the hosts' camp, as Crewkerne to find their opponents only had 10 men.

Skipper Ashley Lawrence won the toss and inserted Abbas into bat on a damp wicket. It proved to be an inspired decision as opening bowler Darren Parsons (5-24) ripped through the top order and reduced the visitors to 34-5 with his first five wicket haul for the club.

The hosts briefly put up some resistance, however the introduction of Robbie James (4-17) put paid to this as he tore through the lower order and tail, as the hosts were dismissed for just 77.

Tom Briggs (21) and Robbie James (10) got Crewkerne off to a solid start, but it was Jon Gould (28no) who guided the team home to victory which leaves them still very much in the promotion chase with two to play.

Tomorrow the Crewkerne team will be presented with the Dorset Cricket League team of the month for July prior to the home match against lowly Marnhull 2nds.

Team from; *A Lawrence (captain), T Briggs, M Culpitt, J Gould, R James, N Keylock, Richard Keylock, F Medley, D Parsons, S Rowswell. G Woodgate*. Players meet at Henhayes at 12.30pm for a 1.30pm start.

The friendly team had an excellent seven wicket victory against visitors Chardstock at Henhayes last Sunday.

Skipper Hamish Hodder won the toss and inserted Chardstock into bat, and his youthful bowling attack didn't let him down. Adam Kember (4-21) led the way as the visitors were bowled out for just 50.

In reply Crewkerne lost a couple of early wickets before Nick Keylock (16) steadied the ship, but it was a fine 24no from Mike Brockwell, his highest ever score which helped guide Crewkerne to a deserved victory.

On Sunday the friendly team travel to Little Bredy in Dorset, to face Bride Vale at Brideshead manor house and the team will be made up from; *N Bodger (captain), A Bryant, R Cornelius, E Hawkins, T Johnson, A Kember, N Keylock, Richard Keylock, Jack Osborne, P Palfrey, M Pearce*. Players meet at Wadham School 1.15pm or Little Bredy 2pm for a 2.30pm start.

Crewkerne will also be entering a team in the Thorncombe six-a-side tournament this Sunday with the team being made up of the following players; H Hodder (captain), M Culpitt, F Medley, D Parsons, S Rowswell, R Wakely.

First up for Crewkerne is at 1.30pm. Players meet at Wadham School at 12.30pm or Thorncombe 1pm.

DORSET FUNERAL PLAN LEAGUE

Division Five (N&W)	P	Pts
Abbotsbury	13	194
Weymouth Longshots	12	172
CREWKERNE	12	170
Dorchester 3rds	13	137
Bradford Abbas	12	120
Cerne Valley 2nds	13	116
Marnhull 2nds	12	24
Henstridge	13	1

Roach and rudd on rods

Ilminster Angling Association
Summer League
Dillington Pond, Somerset
5 fished

ILMINSTER AA members fished round eight of the Summer League at Dillington on Sunday.

Lots of quality roach and rudd made up the top weights again, and some big fish were lost.

Martin Heard got back to winning ways this week but it was a close-run thing. Martin had 12lb 12oz from peg 12 and Graham Field was only an ounce behind with 12lb 11oz from peg three.

After eight matches, and dropping the worst result, Martin leads with 78 points followed by Graham on 76 and Steve Parker on 54.

Round nine is in two weeks time and the draw is at the Royal Oak between 8.30am and 9am.

Result: 1st - Martin Heard (Tiverton) - 12lb 12oz, 2nd - Graham Field (Taunton) - 12lb 11oz.

For the full match report go to www.against-menandfish.blogspot.com

Thwarted by cancellation

CHARD Rugby Club coach Steve Broome was very disappointed when Torquay Athletic Rugby Club pulled out of the pre-season friendly that was scheduled to have taken place last Saturday.

Chard have only one more pre-season match planned when Chard travel to play Southern Counties Division side Dorchester tomorrow, kick-off is 3pm

Chard's league programme starts in South West One when they travel to play against South Gloucestershire side Thornbury on Saturday, September 1st.

The Chard 2nd XV, playing in Somerset Division one this coming season, start their campaign on the same day with a home fixture against Wellington.

◆ **The Chard Rugby Club annual meeting is being held in the Clubhouse at 8pm on Wednesday, October 29th at 8pm.**

Any nominations for committee positions at the club should be forwarded to Brian Twigg Club Secretary (tel 01460 57700).

BEST WESTERNSCL

Division 4	Pld	Pts
NORTH PERROTT II	16	403
Wellington II	16	399
Wembdon II	16	390
Cheddar II	16	346
Kilve	15	327
Fitzhead	16	322
Staplegrove II	16	318
Frome II	15	267
Weston-s-Mare III	16	254
Curry Rivel	16	227

Division 5	Pld	Pts
Cranmore	13	370
BROADWAY & HORT	15	334
Mark	14	330
Leigh-on-Mendip	14	299
East Coker	13	292
Taunton A	14	246
Sparkford	15	239
Trull	14	230
East Huntspill	14	194

Division 6	Pld	Pts
Hardingtn & W.Coker	16	421
Lydford	16	415
Baltonsborough	16	405
Huish & Langport	16	360
Bishops Lydeard II	16	334
Butleigh II	16	303
Taunton Deane Cav	16	292
CHARD A	16	273
Taunton St And A	16	213
Bridgwater Sports	16	52

Division 7	Pld	Pts
Purnells II	16	384
Castle Cary II	16	383
Glastonbury Lambs	16	366
ILMINSTER A	16	361
Banwell & Churchill	16	361
Winscombe II	16	337
Temple Cloud II	16	277
BARRINGTON II	16	262
Uphill Castle Caval	16	183
Barton St David	16	153

Division 8S	Pld	Pts
Middlezoy II	16	402
Wembdon Wyverns	16	365
Watchet II	16	357
Chilton Polden	16	349
North Petherton II	15	333
Spaxton	15	328
Burnham II	15	302
ALL SAINTS	15	297
Taunton Deane Crus	16	273
SOUTH PETHERTN II	16	252

Division 9SE	Pld	Pts
Westlands III	15	376
Huish & Langport III	16	348
Wincanton II	14	335
ILTON II	15	335
Lydford II	15	331
ILMINSTER B	17	224
Leigh-on Mendip II	16	220
Cranmore III	14	201
CHARD 750	14	194
Long Sutton II	15	50

READERSMID-WESSEX

Division 1	Pld	Pts
Westland	13	184
BROADWINDSOR	12	158
Wincanton	12	142
W & M CHINNOCK	11	125
Ilchester	12	120
Milborne Port	13	115
White Horse	12	104
Queen Camel	13	103

Division 2	Pld	Pts
Hardington & WC	8	111
Compton Dundon	8	108
Cranmore	7	77
MARTOCK	7	53
Chetnole	6	44

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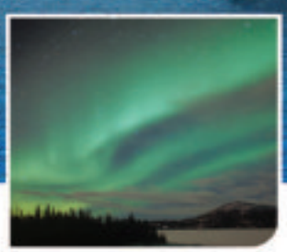

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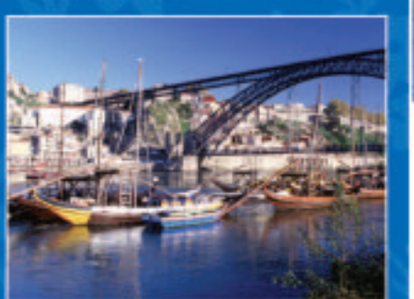

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